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Mr. U. E. Baughman
Chief
U. S. Secret Service
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Baughman:

Reference is made to your letter of 11 April 1951, your File No. CO-2-4465, transmitting a copy of a handwritten document and photographs of a device contained in a package addressed to the President.

A study of the letter from the anonymous writer indicates it may well have been written by an ill-informed mechanic; but, nevertheless, some aspects of the statistics and the devices mentioned may have a practical basis. The idea underlying the described weapons, namely, "Space Explosions" or "Cloud Explosions", is one which has received considerable attention from a number of governments.

It is suggested that your Service forward this material to the Chief, Chemical Corps, Department of the Army, as the main interest in this field lies within the competence of that branch of the Department of the Army.

Your reference of this information to this Agency is appreciated.

Yours very truly,

/s/

WALTER D. SMITH
Director

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REFER TO FILE NO.
CO-2-4465

Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

Under date of December 22, 1950, an anonymous letter, written in German, was addressed to the President from Stuttgart, Germany, in which the writer stated that he had sent a package containing a secret device for causing explosions.

Although it appeared from the above-mentioned communication that the device was an invention, Customs officials were alerted and, on January 26, 1951, the package in question was located in Washington, D. C., addressed to the President, and bearing a return address of [REDACTED]

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Usual precautionary measures were used by this Service in opening the suspected package and it was found to contain parts of a device, probably a model, such as described by the anonymous letter writer. In addition, in a secret compartment of the shipping box, there was a lengthy handwritten document in the German language intended as an explanation of the workings of the device.

It appears likely that the device is a product of a mental case but, on the chance that it is not, the matter was recently discussed with [REDACTED] of your Agency, by a special agent of this Service, and [REDACTED] suggested this reference.

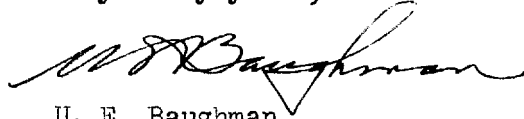
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There are transmitted herewith for your information four (4) photographs of the above-described package as taken prior to opening and subsequent thereto, as well as a translation of the document described above as enclosed in the secret compartment of the package.

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Should this matter prove of interest to your Agency, the device itself, as well as the original documents in connection therewith, will be made available to you upon request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "U. E. Baughman".

U. E. Baughman
Chief, ~~U. S.~~ Secret Service

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